



Town of Sheffield

Planning Board

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Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 7:00 PM

TOWN HALL – 1st FLOOR MEETING ROOM

Planning Board Members Present:

James T. Collingwood Jr., Chair

David A. Smith, Sr.

Anthony Gulotta

Daniel Watson

Marie Massini-Reynolds

Members of the Public Present:

Mark Reynolds, Kelly Granger and Parsons

Ken Smith

David Smith Jr.

Susan and Robert Butler

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, J. Collingwood Jr., at 7p.m.

David Smith Sr. recused himself from the ANR proceedings presented by Mark Reynolds for David West and Diane Smith because it concerns property belonging to his family.

Form A Application:

Full name of applicants/deeded owner(s): David West and Diane Smith

Brief explanation of application and fee paid: Split lot into 2 lots Paid \$100.

Physical address / location as it appears in the Registry of Deeds (Map# & Lot#): 465 Silver St., Sheffield MA. Southern Berkshire District Registry of Deeds Books 1410 page 134 Rural District.

Name of civil engineer company and representative presenting Form A: Mark Reynolds of Kelly Granger & Parsons

Form A determination / Board member voting outcome: ***Motion by A. Gulotta to accept the Form A Application submitted by David West and Diane Smith. M. Massini-Reynolds seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.*** All 4 remaining Board Members signed the mylar.

Susan Butler, Citizen's Petition: Susan Butler appeared because she cannot be at the Planning Board Hearing on April 15 regarding her Citizen's Petition. She wrote a letter to the Planning Board, which she read out loud. She cited MA Gen Law 269.12e and pointed out that firearms are supposed to be 500 feet from a dwelling or other building in use, but there are exemptions, specifically exemption "d" which effectively allows private target shooting ranges in many places in Sheffield within 500 feet of a dwelling. Ms. Butler pointed out that a municipality can establish regulations protecting the public from firearm use. She went on to present her case in detail.

Chairman J. Collingwood Jr. interrupted Ms. Butler and pointed out that she was presenting information that should be presented at the Public Hearing. He pointed out that zoning changes are only proposed at the annual Town Meeting and that the Board has made arrangements to hold an extra meeting on April 15th to accommodate her Citizen's Petition and allow the public a chance to comment so that all will be informed once the Petition appears on the Town Warrant at the Town Meeting in May. J. Collingwood said no notice has been given the public that Ms. Butler would actually be presenting the material tonight.

Ms. Butler objected that she had no control over the date of the Public Hearing, and she simply can't be there. J. Collingwood Jr. said that Ms. Butler can speak at the Town Meeting, but that the Public Hearing will go forward as noticed in the Berkshire Record. Susan asked if another person would be able to present a statement she has written at the Public Hearing. J. Collingwood Jr. replied yes, they can also distribute handouts.

A. Gulotta explained that after the Public Hearing the Planning Board will decide if they recommend the Citizen's Petition or not. J. Collingwood Jr. explained that the Planning Board then notifies the Select Board of their position and the Planning Board will make sure that Susan and Robert Butler are informed about the decision as well. He reminded everyone that the Public Hearing will be conducted at 7pm on Wednesday, April 15th.

Minutes of Feb 25th: A. Gulotta made a motion to approve the February 25, 2015 Minutes as written. His motion was seconded by David Smith Sr. and approved unanimously.

D. Smith Sr. made a Motion to pay the recent bill submitted by the Berkshire Record. A. Gulotta seconded his Motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Board received a Notice from the Town Administrator Rhonda LaBombard regarding a decision of the Town Attorney.

At 7:50, A. Gulotta made a Motion to adjourn the regular meeting. D. Smith Sr. seconded his Motion and the Motion was approved unanimously.

The next Planning Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 8th, 2015 at 7p.m. There will be a Public Hearing at 7:15p.m. the same evening.

Respectfully submitted,



Nadia Milleron
Secretary to the Planning Board